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EXHIBIT 13

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HB Joint Approves SUB
Natural Resources and
Transportation

Chairman and Members of the Committee,

Comments to the Montana Legislature on the Shooting Range
Development Act (SRDA, 87-1-276 through 279, M.C.A.).

I am writing on behalf of the 2600 plus membership of the Western
Montana Fish & Game Association in support of funding the Montana
Shooting Range Development Grant Program. Our membership owns and
operates the Deer Creek Shooting Center in Missoula.

Since 1990, Fish, Wildlife and Parks, using our hunter's dollars, has
contributed a 50:50 development grant match on over \$3,661,697 dollars
for shooting range development. This 50% match has helped 69 shooting
ranges in 38 counties in Montana. The emphasis of these grants is to
improve overall range safety.

Shooting enthusiasts have cleaned up most of the areas around the
counties that people were using for target practice and put the target
shooters on the shooting ranges in Montana. This Grant Program has
served Montana sportsmen and women for over 22 years. I strongly urge
you to appropriate \$1,000,000. over the next biennium from our hunting
fees to fund the Montana Shooting Range Development Grant Program
insuring the safety and continuity of Montana's Shooting Centers.
Additionally, we insist on a separate budget line item for the Shooting
Range Development Grant Program. We do not want FWP appropriating
Shooting Range Development Grant money for other uses. Please support
the Shooting Range Development Act. Thank you.

Sincerely,

James M. McDonald

President

MEETINGS: First Thursday Each Month at 6:00 p.m. – Deer Creek Shooting Center Meeting Room
Established in 1911, Deer Creek Shooting Center, Own by the WMFGA Membership